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REFS: (A) USUN 1685, (B) USUN 1687

1. WESTERN FIVE MET AT US EMBASSY THIS MORNING, MAY 27,
TO REVIEW CURRENT STATUS OF WORK ON NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED DEMARCHE TO THE SAG
(USUN 1685), THE FIVE AGREED IT SHOULD BE MADE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. BEST DATE APPEARS TO BE MONDAY, MAY 30, AS
MAY 31 IS A SOUTH AFRICAN HOLIDAY (REPUBLIC DAY).

3. ON QUESTION OF CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY
(PARA 4, USUN 1685), FOURIE TOLD US TODAY IN STRICTEST
CONFIDENCE THAT SAG WOULD INTRODUCE IN PARLIAMENT
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ENABLING LEGISLATION OF MOST GENERAL NATURE TO PROVIDE
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL AUTHORITY AND REGIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEMARAS AND HEREROUBM THERE WOULD
BE NO IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REARRANGMENTS PRIOR
TO ADOPTION OF SUCH ENABLING LEGISLATION.

4. WITH RESPECT TO NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS, WE

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REVIEWED PROPOSAL ORAL DEMARCHE TO TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA (USUN 1687). IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WAS AGREED ACTION BY THE FIVE ON THE NANGOLO CASE IS URGENT. I ADVISED THE GROUP OF THE ACTION WE HAD ALREADY TAKEN. OF THE OTHER FOUR, ONLY THE CANADIAN HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS SO FAR. HE WILL SEE BOTHA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS, HE ALSO PREPARED TO SPEAK TO BOTHA USING POLITICAL ARGUMENT THAT EXECUTION WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT CHANCES OF SETTLEMENT.

5. WE PROVIDE THE OTHER FOUR WITH COPIES OF THE LIST OF POLITICAL DETAINEES AND PRISONERS WE HAD COMPILED WITH THEIR HELP AND INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. IT WAS AGREED US EMBASSY WOULD TRANSMIT THE LIST TO USUN FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE OTHER FOUR IN NEW YORK. WE STRESSED AGAIN THAT THE LIST CANNOT BE CONSIDERED DEFINITIVE AND THAT AT SOME POINT CONFIRMATION OF ALL THE FACTS REGARDING THE DETAINEES AND PRISONERS WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE SA AUTHORITIES. CONTACT GROUP WOULD DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED WITH THIS PRELIMINARY LIST. BOWDLER

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